Pollution due to Export of Iron Ore from Goa

3920. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of iron ore that is shipped from different ports of India, the figures port-wise, quantity-wise and the countries exported to for the last three years;

(b) Iron ore that is exported from Goa from the mouth of the river Mandovi, where it meets the sea;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware that this type of transshipment creates pollution even in the river, which may eventually destroy marine life as well; and

(d) the reasons for this type of shipping being permitted by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement of NH-1

3921. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether movement of traffic on National Highway No. 1 at a stretch of about 20 kms. before and after Ludhiana city continues to be slow, inspite of the matter having been brought to the notice of authorities repeatedly;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to construct over-bridges or under-bridges at that stretch to improve the situation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when needful is likely to be done; and

(d) if there is no such proposal, how and by when the problem is likely to be tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING. ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Six laning of Panipat-Ludhiana-Jalandhar section of National Highway-1, which